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SUBJECT: US NUCLEAR INITIATIVES AT MARCH 16 IEA

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

REF: STATE 062044

1. REFTEL, ALTHOUGH PRIORITY, NOT RECEIVED UNTIL MARCH 15. SCHMIDT-KUESTER NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL 0830 MARCH 17. EMBASSY S&T COUNSELOR GAVE HIM "IEA CONFIDENTIAL" NON-PAPER AT THAT TIME.

2. SCHMIDT--KUESTER IS VERY STRONGLY OPPOSED TO US PROPOSAL THAT SLT APPOINT NEW NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE SUB-GROUP. HE HAD HEARD OF PROPOSAL THROUGH INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AND A LETTER FROM PETER KELLY AND HAS ALREADY STATED IT IS NOT RPT NOT A GOOD IDEA. IN HIS VIEW, FRONT END AND BACK ENDS OF NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PROBLEMS. IN URANIUM ENRICHMENT THERE ARE ADEQUATE PLANS TO MEET THE DEMAND AND HE SEES NO NECESSITY FOR COOPERATIVE VENTURES, EVEN THOUGH THERE MAY BE SOME PROBLEMS WITH FINANCING. CONVERSION AND FABRICATION ARE SIMPLE COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

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OFFERED ON COMPETITIVE BASIS. HERE, TOO, HSCHMIDT-

KUESTER SEES NO NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

3. AT THE BACK END OF THE FUEL CYCLE, HOWEVER, THE PROBLEMS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT. DIFFERENT PEOPLE ARE ALSO INVOLVED. THEREFORE, FROM MANPOWER VIEWPOINT AND ON BASIS OF TECHNICAL SUBSTANCE, SCHMIDT-KUESTER EMPHATICALLY BELIEVES THAT THESE ASPECTS OF FUEL CYCLE SHOULD REMAIN WITH ENERGY R&D COMMITTEE. THESE TOPICS: CHEMICAL REPROCESSING, URANIUM AND PLUTONIUM RECYCLE, AND WASTE MANAGEMENT AND STORAGE ARE NOW IN DEVELOPMENTAL PHASE AND WILL BE FOR SOME TIME TO COME. ENERGY R&D COMMITTEE MUST CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THESE SUBJECTS AND SCHMIDT-KUESTER SEES NO REASON TO ESTABLISH A NEW GROUP WHICH WILL DUPLICATE THE WORK OF R&D COMMITTEE.

4. SCHMIDT-KUESTER SUGGESTED THAT TOPICS 1, 2, 3 AND 5 AS LISTED IN US PAPER SHOULD CONTINUE UNDER SEUS COMMITTEE, IF DESIRED, BUT THAT THE FOURTH TOPIC REMAIN UNDER ENERGY R&D COMMITTEE.

5. IMMEDIATELY AFTER DISCUSSION REPORTED ABOVE, EMBASSY S&T COUNSELOR TELEPHONED OECD PARIS BUT WAS INFORMED THAT US PAPER HAD ALREADY BEEN TABLED. WHEN INFORMED, SCHMIDT-KUESTER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN TAKEN. HE EMPHASIZED AGAIN THAT HE HAD DISAGREED WITH THIS PROPOSAL DURING EARLIER DISCUSSIONS. HILLENBRAND

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